

CBS News Reports Hoffa's Chicago Trial, August 17, 1964

*Male Voice 1:* This is *The CBS Afternoon News with Douglas Edwards*.

*Douglas Edwards:* Good afternoon everybody from the CBS news room in New York. Teamster President James Hoffa was sentenced in Chicago this afternoon to four 5-year-terms in prison and fined \$10,000 for his part in obtaining loans from his union's multimillion dollar pension fund. His six co-defendants received sentences ranging from an hour in the custody of a US Marshal to five years in prison. Hoffa's four prison terms for fraud and conspiracy will be served concurrently, but after he has served an eight year sentence received earlier this year in Chattanooga, Tennessee on a jury tampering conviction. The sentence is under appeal and Hoffa's attorneys say today's sentence will also be appealed. For more on today's story, here's *CBS News* correspondent Harry Arrow in Chicago.

*Harry Arrow:* Immediately after the sentence was passed, Hoffa had no comment to make. But before sentencing, Hoffa was asked if he was concerned about his future in the union.

*James R. Hoffa:* The union is just as solid as it ever was before. There is no dissension in our organization. All contracts are signed, new members are being signed up, and we're progressing as we have for the last 60 years.

*Male Voice 2:* How about your position as president, sir? Do you think it's in jeopardy now?

*James R. Hoffa:* None whatsoever. There is no problem with my position with the rank and file or the executive board or the officers.

*Male Voice 2:* There is some rumblings now that the trials are over that maybe you'll have to step down.

*James R. Hoffa:* That just isn't true. It's what the newspapers, TV, radio would like to see happen, but it just isn't true. And there's a board meeting on the 19th to make that very definitely clear.

*Male Voice 2:* Are you prepared to go to jail, sir?

*James R. Hoffa:* Mind your own business.

*Harry Arrow:* This is *CBS News* correspondent Harry Arrow in Chicago.